



Counterterrorism Division

**(U//FOUO) Minnesota Shopping Mall Attack
SITREP****Current as of 1800 EST 21 September 2016****New or updated information is noted in RED**

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(U) Executive Summary


(U//FOUO) On the night of 17 September 2016, 911 calls indicated a subject stabbed and/or cut nine individuals at the Crossroads Center shopping mall in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Post-incident interviews at the shopping mall on 19 September 2016 revealed an additional mall employee was stabbed or cut, bringing the total number of victims to ten. Open source reporting indicated the subject, now-deceased Dahir Ahmed Adan, entered the mall at approximately 2015 CST wearing a private security uniform. Witnesses reported that Adan yelled "allahu akbar" prior to attacking each individual and allegedly asked if they were Muslim. Media reports indicate an off-duty police officer responded and shot Adan several times resulting in his death. FBI investigation indicated Adan used a five-inch kitchen knife to stab the victims.

(U//FOUO) Adan worked for Universal Protection Services and was contracted to do security work at Spartan Nash Foods, a food distribution company. NCIC and TSC checks on Adan yielded negative results.

(U) Timeline**17 September 2016**

- (U//FOUO) Approximately 2015 CST – Now-deceased Dahir Ahmed Adan entered the St. Cloud, Minnesota-based Crossroads Center shopping mall and stabbed and/or cut 10 individuals; shortly thereafter Adan was shot and killed by an off-duty police officer.
- (U) Approximately 1700 CST – Adan smoked a cigarette with two identified individuals prior to the attack.

**(U) Subjects and Persons of Interest**

Subject		Watchlisting		Coverage		Location	
	Dahir Ahmed Adan		TPN: N/A		Subject is Deceased		St. Cloud, MN
	Synopsis:	(U//FOUO) On 17 September 2016, Dahir Adan stabbed and/or cut nine individuals at Crossroads Center Shopping Mall in St. Cloud, MN. Witness allege Adan asked people if they were Muslim before stabbing them during the attack. An off-duty police officer shot and killed Adan at the shopping mall.					
Citizenship	POB	DOB	Custody	Case Type	Date Initiated	Tier	
US	Kenya	10 April 1996	Deceased	FI	18 September 2016	7	

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(U) Financial Information

(U//FOUO) CTD identified one Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) from MoneyGram (BSAR 31000077154928; 4928) associated with a telephone number which is associated with Adan. CTD contacted MoneyGram for supporting documentation on the SAR and any additional transactional information on Adan. CTD has conducted financial analysis of financial records obtained from MoneyGram.

(U//FOUO) CTD has identified an additional credit card belonging to Adan through exploitation of his digital devices. Database checks on the credit card yielded negative results. **CTD continues to review all media uploaded belonging to Adan for financial information.**

(U) Investigative Activity

(U//FOUO) FBI identified a locker at Adan's place of work belonging to Adan and obtained a federal search warrant for the locker. An Apple MacBook Pro was seized and transported to FBI HQ, **analysis continues.**

(U//FOUO) Over 50 interviews have been conducted thus far by Minnesota law enforcement authorities, to include:

- All victims and mall witnesses
- Four of Adan's closest friends in the St. Cloud, MN area
- Adan's brother and sister in St. Cloud, MN
- Adan's parents

(U//FOUO) Preliminary results of the interviews with Adan's brother and sister indicate Adan was not religious before he began reading the Qur'an approximately three months ago. Adan's family did not report any history of mental illness associated with Adan and was surprised by the attack. Adan's sister advised two unidentified individuals were with Adan prior to the attack. Both individuals self-reported as having a cigarette with Adan one hour prior to the attack. CTD generated leads for both subjects.

(U//FOUO) Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) crime scene analysis recovered a USB drive from Adan's body.



(U//FOUO) Federal search warrants for Adan's vehicle and digital media were executed. The vehicle is currently in the custody of the St. Cloud Police Department. MP will forward copies of digital devices to CTD for exploitation and entry into FTK-CAIR. The below resulting digital media has been processed into MP evidence and is currently being imaged by MP CART personnel, except for the locked iPhone. FBI HQ is in possession of five items:

- Microsoft Xbox One, 500GB, received by FBI HQ
- USB drive, 1 TB, received by FBI HQ
- Two Apple MacBook Pro laptops, both received by FBI HQ
- Apple iPhone 6 (phone was locked), received by FBI HQ

(U//FOUO) Two Minnesota state search warrants were executed for searches at the apartments of Adan's brother and sister, both of whom live in the same complex, and where Adan stayed on occasion.

(U//FOUO) Approximately 94 911 calls were placed in connection to the attack.

(U//FOUO) MP is reviewing the available surveillance video to determine Adan's whereabouts on the day of the attack.

(U) Selectors and Social Media

(U//FOUO) Telephone numbers, email addresses, and social media accounts associated with Adan were identified. CTD and MP continue to conduct analysis.

(U) Travel

(U//FOUO) In September 2010, Adan was issued a US passport which has since expired. There are no records to indicate Adan ever traveled using this passport.